

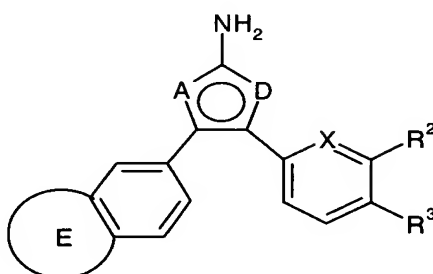
Amendments to the claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. (Original) A compound of formula (I), a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or derivative thereof:



(I)

wherein

either A is S and D is N; or A is N and D is S;

ring E is a saturated, unsaturated or aromatic 5 or 6-membered heterocycle which heterocycle in addition to carbon contains one or more ring-heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen and oxygen, wherein the heterocycle is optionally substituted on any nitrogen atom where appropriate by one or more groups R^{Ea} independently selected from C₁₋₆alkyl and C₁₋₆alkoxyC₁₋₆alkyl and is optionally substituted on any carbon atom where appropriate by one or more groups R^{Ed} independently selected from oxo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxyC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy and halo;

X is N or CH;

R² is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, halo, cyano or perfluoroC₁₋₆alkyl; and

R³ is hydrogen or halo.

2. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 where the benzofused ring system including E is selected from the list: benzimidazol-6-yl, benzoxazol-6-yl, benzoxazol-5-yl, 4H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one-6-yl, benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl, benzodioxan-6-yl, quinolin-6-yl and benzotriazol-6-yl.

3. (Currently Amended) A compound according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1 where X is N.
4. (Currently Amended) A compound according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1 where R² is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, chloro or fluoro.
5. (Original) A compound according to claim 4 where R² is hydrogen, methyl, chloro or fluoro.
6. (Original) A compound according to claim 5 where R² is methyl.
7. (Currently Amended) A compound according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1 where R³ is hydrogen.
8. (Currently Amended) A compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1 wherein, when X is N, R² is methyl.
9. (Original) A compound according to claim 8 wherein when X is N and R² is methyl, R³ is H.
10. (Currently Amended) A compound according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 selected from:
 - 5-(1-methyl-benzimidazol-6-yl)-4-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)-1,3-thiazol-2-amine;
 - 4-(benzoxazol-6-yl)-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1,3-thiazol-2-amine;
 - 5-(1-ethyl-benzimidazol-6-yl)-4-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)-1,3-thiazol-2-amine;
 - 5-(1-(2-methoxyethyl)-benzimidazol-6-yl)-4-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)-1,3-thiazol-2-amine;
 - 5-[4-methyl-4H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one-6-yl]-4-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)-1,3-thiazol-2-amine;
 - 5-[4-ethyl-4H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one-6-yl]-4-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)-1,3-thiazol-2-amine;
 - 4-(benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-5-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)-1,3-thiazol-2-amine;
 - 4-(benzodioxan-6-yl)-5-(pyridin-2-yl)-1,3-thiazol-2-amine;
 - 4-(quinolin-6-yl)-5-(pyridin-2-yl)-1,3-thiazol-2-amine;
 - 4-(1-methyl-benzotriazol-6-yl)-5-(pyridin-2-yl)-1,3-thiazol-2-amine;

4-(1-methyl-benzimidazol-6-yl)-5-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)-1,3-thiazol-2-amine;
and
pharmaceutically acceptable salts, solvates and derivatives thereof.

Claims 11-13 (Cancelled).

14. (Currently Amended) A method of treatment or prophylaxis of a disorder selected from chronic renal disease, acute renal disease, wound healing, arthritis, osteoporosis, kidney disease, congestive heart failure, ulcers (including diabetic ulcers, chronic ulcers, gastric ulcers, and duodenal ulcers), ocular disorders, corneal wounds, diabetic nephropathy, impaired neurological function, Alzheimer's disease, atherosclerosis, peritoneal and sub-dermal adhesion, any disease wherein fibrosis is a major component, including, but not limited to kidney fibrosis, lung fibrosis and liver fibrosis, for example, hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HCV), alcohol-induced hepatitis, haemochromatosis, primary biliary cirrhosis, restenosis, retroperitoneal fibrosis, mesenteric fibrosis, endometriosis, keloids, cancer, abnormal bone function, inflammatory disorders, scarring and photoaging, in mammals, which comprises administration to the mammal in need of such treatment, an effective amount of a compound of formula (I) as defined in ~~any one of Claims 1 to 10~~ claim 1 .
15. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (I) as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 10~~ claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.
16. (Currently Amended) A combination of a compound of formula (I) as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 10~~ claim 1 with an ACE inhibitor or an angiotensin II receptor antagonist.